

BA (Hons) History of Art

Programme Specification

Awarding Institution: University of London (Interim Exit Awards made by Goldsmiths' College) Teaching Institution: Goldsmiths, University of London Final Award: BA (Hons) History of Art Programme Name: BA (Hons) History of Art Total credit value for programme: 360 CATS Name of Interim Exit Award(s): Certificate of Higher Education in History of Art Diploma of Higher Education in History of Art Duration of Programme: 3 years full-time UCAS Code(s): V350 HECoS Code(s): (100306) History of Art QAA Benchmark Group: History of Art, Architecture and Design FHEQ Level of Award: Level 6 Programme accredited by: Not applicable Date Programme Specification last updated/approved: Home Department: Visual Cultures Department(s) which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme: Not applicable

Programme Overview

This degree is unique within the University of London as it focuses on the arts of the modern period internationally (primarily since 1945), on issues both affecting and reflected upon by contemporary art practices, and on the framing of the idea of contemporaneity itself as an important contingent and contested means of evaluating artworks. The programme explores a diverse range of theoretical, methodological, and archival perspectives that have influenced the formation of the discipline of the History of Art, and places considerable emphasis both on the ways that such increased sophistication and diversity has led to the emergence of Visual Culture as a field of study and the most recent developments in this discipline.

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The programme also introduces students to an array of philosophical and theoretical debates that embed issues such social justice, gender, racial equity and decoloniality into the study of Art History and Visual Culture.

Within this framework, students are expected and encouraged to develop a critically independent approach to the interpretation of works of art, to examine shifting conceptions of the artist and to explore Visual Culture in its widest political, historical, aesthetic, and technological contexts. The programme pays attention to an inclusive variety of art practices and media, including performance and installation art, the moving image, and the built environment.

In addition, Goldsmiths is well placed for the firsthand study of contemporary art and culture in London. Structurally, the programme makes considerable use of these resources. Students are expected (with guidance and discussion) to take an active role in making themselves familiar with the city's various cultural institutions and to make use of these as primary resources in set coursework and in their own pieces of carefully supervised original research.

Programme entry requirements

Successful completion of three A-levels with BBB

BTEC: DDM

33 Points, HL655 in the International Baccalaureate

Equivalent to A-level BBB in other EU and overseas qualifications.

Access: 60 credits overall with 30 distinctions and distinctions/merits in related subject.

Mature students without formal qualifications who have relevant experience are welcome to apply. International students apply in the same way as UK and EU students.

Application is online through UCAS. Suitably qualified applicants are selected according to aptitude and suitability, based on personal statements, references and, where necessary, interview.

Aims of the programme

The aims of the History of Art programme are:



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- To produce students who demonstrate a critical grasp of developments in modern and contemporary art practices, aesthetics, history and criticism, and the sociopolitical and cultural forces that have informed and are informed by them.
- To produce students with a broad range of independent critical tools with which to broach and assess such matters as well as the necessary skills to successfully articulate their findings and understandings of these matters.

What you will be expected to achieve

CertHE

Students who achieve the Certificate of Higher Education in History of Art (120 credits at level 4 or above) will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
A1	A basic understanding of the various	Modernities; Contemporaneities;
	prevailing theories of contemporary	Space and Time; Beyond
	artistic cultural production.	Boundaries.
A2	A basic understanding of the historical	Modernities; Contemporaneities;
	emergence and development of	Space and Time; Beyond
	contemporary artistic practices.	Boundaries.
A3	An introductory understanding of local,	Seeing and Showing; Space and
	national and international dimensions of	Time; Beyond Boundaries.
	these art practices.	
A4	An introductory understanding of	Seeing and Showing; Beyond
	historiography and the practices of	Boundaries.
	archiving, collecting exhibition and	
	criticism that shape art practices and their	
	relation to other public and private	
	institutions.	
A5	An introductory theoretical understanding	Modernities; Contemporaneities;
	of the ways that art practices produce and	Seeing and Showing; Beyond
	reflect upon the formation of cultural	Boundaries; Situated Knowledge in
	identities.	Visual Cultures.
A6	An introductory understanding of the	Modernities; Space and Time;
	nature and the conditions of the	Contemporaneities; Situated
	emergence of the study of visual culture	Knowledge in Visual Cultures.
	as a field in its own right.	

Cognitive and thinking skills

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Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
B1	Develop a basic apprehension of a range	Modernities; Space and Time;
	of pertinent conceptual approaches to the	Contemporaneities; All option
	role of art practices in shaping	modules.
	subjectivity, signification, cultural	
	difference, and participation.	
B2	Develop introductory level skills in	Beyond Boundaries; Situated
	research, analysis and the ordering,	Knowledge in Visual Cultures;
	evaluation and communication of ideas	Expanded Practices in Visual
	relating to the interpretation of artistic	Cultures.
	practices.	

Subject specific skills and professional behaviours and attitudes

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
C1	A basic conception of the conventions of	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	art historical and visual cultural discourse	Space and Time; Beyond
	and the possible ways of constructively	Boundaries; Situated Knowledge in
	and critically developing an independent	Visual Cultures.
	practice.	

Transferable skills

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
D1	Basic communication and discussion	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	skills, in written and oral contexts.	Space and Time; Beyond
		Boundaries; Situated Knowledge in
		Visual Cultures.
D2	Basic skills for presenting rational	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	arguments in a confident, well-informed,	Space and Time; Beyond
	and reasoned way and reading and	Boundaries.
	listening critically.	
D3	A basic ability to think critically and	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	independently and question existing ideas	Space and Time; Beyond
	and concepts.	Boundaries; Situated Knowledge in
		Visual Cultures.
D4	Basic group discussion skills, and the	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	ability to interact, work, debate and	Space and Time; Beyond
	communicate with others in a productive	Boundaries.
	and positive way.	

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A basic ability to think creatively across	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
disciplinary boundaries.	Space and Time; Beyond
	Boundaries.
Time management and risk-taking skills:	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
students will know how to manage their	Space and Time; Beyond
time effectively and meet agreed	Boundaries.
deadlines.	
A basic competence to accept change	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
and risk taking as a positive dimension in	Space and Time; Beyond
the search for knowledge and personal	Boundaries.
development.	
A basic ability to modify one's thinking to	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
better meet challenges.	Space and Time; Beyond
	Boundaries.
A commitment to ethical and sustainable	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
ways of living and working, to social	Space and Time; Beyond
justice and racial equity.	Boundaries.
	disciplinary boundaries. Time management and risk-taking skills: students will know how to manage their time effectively and meet agreed deadlines. A basic competence to accept change and risk taking as a positive dimension in the search for knowledge and personal development. A basic ability to modify one's thinking to better meet challenges. A commitment to ethical and sustainable ways of living and working, to social

DipHE

Students who achieve the Diploma of Higher Education in History of Art (240 credits: 120 at level 5 and 120 at level 4 or above) will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
A1	A good understanding of the various	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	prevailing theories of contemporary	Space and Time; Beyond
	artistic cultural production.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures.
A2	A good understanding of the historical	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	emergence and development of	Space and Time; Beyond
	contemporary artistic practices.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures.
A3	A good understanding of local, national	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	and international dimensions of these art	Space and Time; Beyond
	practices.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;

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		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures;
A4	A good understanding of the institutions	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	of exhibition and criticism that shape art	Space and Time; Beyond
	practices and their relation to other public	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	and private institutions.	Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures.
A5	A solid foundation for a theoretical	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	understanding of the ways that art	Space and Time; Beyond
	practices produce, and reflect upon the	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	formation of cultural identities.	Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures.
A6	A good understanding of the nature and	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	the conditions of the emergence of the	Space and Time; Beyond
	study of visual culture as a field in its own	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	right.	Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures.

Cognitive and thinking skills

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
B1	A good theoretical apprehension of a	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	range of pertinent conceptual approaches	Space and Time; Beyond
	to the role of art practices in shaping	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	subjectivity, signification, cultural	Situated Knowledge in Visual
	difference, and participation.	Cultures.
B2	The ability to use a range of skills in	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	research, analysis and the ordering,	Space and Time; Beyond
	evaluation and communication of ideas	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	relating to the interpretation of artistic	Situated Knowledge in Visual
	practices.	Cultures.

Subject specific skills and professional behaviours and attitudes

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
C1	A good ability to analyse the conventions	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	of art historical and visual cultural	Space and Time; Beyond
	discourse and the possible ways of	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	constructively and critically developing an	Situated Knowledge in Visual
	independent practice.	Cultures.

Transferable skills

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Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
D1	Good communication and discussion	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	skills, in written and oral contexts.	Space and Time; Beyond
		Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures.
D2	Good presentation skills in written form in	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	a confident, well-informed, and reasoned	Space and Time; Beyond
	way.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures.
D3	A good ability to think critically and	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
_	independently and question existing ideas	Space and Time; Beyond
	and concepts.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures.
D4	Good group discussion skills, and the	All modules.
	ability to interact, work, debate and	
	communicate with others in a productive	
	and positive way.	
D5	A good ability to think creatively across	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	disciplinary boundaries.	Space and Time; Beyond
		Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures.
D6	Good time management and risk-taking	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	skills: students will know how to manage	Space and Time; Beyond
	their time effectively and meet agreed	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	deadlines.	Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures.
D7	A good competence to accept change	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	and risk taking as a positive dimension in	Space and Time; Beyond
	the search for knowledge and personal	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	development.	Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures.
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D8	A good ability to modify one's thinking to	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	better meet challenges.	Space and Time; Beyond
		Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Dissertation.
D9	A commitment to ethical and sustainable	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	ways of living and working, to social	Space and Time; Beyond
	justice and racial equity.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures.

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Students who successfully complete the BA (Hons) History of Art programme will be expected to have acquired the following knowledge, understanding and skills:

Knowledge and understanding

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
A1	A comprehensive understanding of the	All modules.
	various prevailing theories of	
	contemporary artistic cultural production.	
A2	A comprehensive understanding of the	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	historical emergence and development of	Space and Time; Beyond
	contemporary artistic practices.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.
A3	A detailed understanding of local, national	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	and international dimensions of these art	Space and Time; Beyond
	practices.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.
A4	A systematic understanding of the	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	institutions of exhibition and criticism that	Space and Time; Beyond
	shape art practices and their relation to	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	other public and private institutions.	Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.
A5	A highly developed theoretical	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	understanding of the ways that art	Space and Time; Beyond

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
	practices produce and reflect upon the	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	formation of cultural identities.	Dissertation.
A6	A detailed understanding of the nature	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	and the conditions of the emergence of	Space and Time; Beyond
	the study of visual culture as a field in its	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	own right.	Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.

Cognitive and thinking skills

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
B1	A theoretical apprehension of a range of	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	pertinent conceptual approaches to the	Space and Time, Beyond
	role of art practices in shaping	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	subjectivity, signification, cultural	Situated Knowledge in Visual
	difference, and participation.	Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures.
B2	Highly developed skills in research,	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	analysis and the ordering, evaluation and	Space and Time; Beyond
	communication of ideas relating to the	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	interpretation of artistic practices.	Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.

Subject specific skills and professional behaviours and attitudes

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
C1	A strong conception of the conventions of	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	art historical and visual cultural discourse	Space and Time; Beyond
	and the possible ways of constructively	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	and critically developing an independent	Situated Knowledge in Visual
	practice	Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.

Transferable skills (Elements)

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
D1	Strong communication and discussion	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	skills, in written and oral contexts.	Space and Time; Beyond
		Boundaries; Contemporaneities;

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Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.
D2	A strong ability to present arguments in a	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	confident, well-informed, and reasoned	Space and Time; Beyond
	way.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.
D3	A strong ability to think critically and	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	independently and question existing ideas	Space and Time; Beyond
	and concepts.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.
D4	Group discussion skills, and a strong	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	ability to interact, work, debate and	Space and Time; Beyond
	communicate with others in a productive	Boundaries; Contemporaneities.
	and positive way.	
D5	A strong ability to think creatively across	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	disciplinary boundaries.	Space and Time; Beyond
		Boundaries.
D6	Time management and risk-taking skills:	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	students will know how to manage their	Space and Time; Beyond
	time effectively and meet agreed	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	deadlines.	Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.
D7	A strong competence to accept change	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	and risk taking as a positive dimension in	Space and Time; Beyond
	the search for knowledge and personal	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
	development.	Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.
D8	A strong ability to modify one's thinking to	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	better meet challenges.	Space and Time; Beyond
		Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.
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Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
D9	A strong commitment to ethical and	Modernities; Seeing and Showing;
	sustainable ways of living and working, to	Space and Time; Beyond
	social justice and racial equity.	Boundaries; Contemporaneities;
		Situated Knowledge in Visual
		Cultures; Expanded Practices in
		Visual Cultures; All option modules.

Marking criteria

Mark	Descriptor	Specific Marking Criteria
80-	1st: First	Represents the overall achievement of the specified
100%	(Exceptional)	assessment criteria/module learning outcomes to an
		exceptionally accomplished level. Potentially publishable
		work, showing extensive research, originality and
		independence of thought. Such work will be highly articulate
		and demonstrate an equally highly sophisticated critical
		apprehension of subject matter, theoretical, archival and
		historiographical questions and issues regarding cultural
		processes. It will make potentially original gestures towards
		the advancement and integration of these areas. The work will also demonstrate an acute understanding of
		developments in the field of Art History, and an understanding
		of the significance of the emergence and direction of the
		discipline of Visual Culture.
70-79%	1st: First	Represents the overall achievement of the specified
	(Excellent)	assessment criteria/module learning outcomes to an excellent
		level. Excellent work, taking in all aspects of the question
		under consideration and showing independence in approach
		and ideas; shows a high level of critical and analytical skill;
		has a good grasp of the historiography of the subject; has a
		good understanding of the main issues and is able to relate
		them comparatively to other topics and/or periods; well
		written and presented. Awareness of shifts, conflicts and the
		development of concerns in the fields of Art History and
		Visual Culture will be in evidence, as will an advanced
		apprehension of questions surrounding the interpretation of
60-69%	2 1: Uppor	cultural processes.
00-09%	2.1: Upper Second (Very	Represents the overall achievement of the specified assessment criteria/module learning outcomes to a very good
	good)	level. Good work, showing wide knowledge of appropriate art
	9000)	historical, art theoretical and visual cultures themes and an

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		ability to use this in relevant analysis and argument; shows a grasp of the main issues and the historiography of the subject; on the whole has a good understanding of English grammar, spelling and punctuation. Such work will signal a well-developed awareness of historiographical matters, research methodology, cultural processes and developments in the fields of Art History and Visual Culture. There may be evidence of independence of research and thought.
50-59%	2.2: Lower Second (Good)	Represents the overall achievement of the specified assessment criteria/module learning outcomes to a good level. Has a satisfactory knowledge of appropriate art historical, art theoretical and visual cultures themes, but tends to produce narrative and has not got highly developed powers of analysis and argument. Such work will signal a quite limited awareness of the main issues as well as of historiographical matters, research methodology, cultural processes and developments in the fields of Art History and Visual Culture.
40-49%	3rd: Third (Pass)	Represents the overall achievement of the majority of the specified assessment criteria/module learning outcomes to a pass level. Shows a limited knowledge of appropriate art historical, art theoretical and visual cultures themes, and weakness in approach; fails to see more than one side of a question; faults in style, spelling and punctuation; unable to write to the point. Any grasp or awareness of historiographical matters, research methodology, cultural processes and developments in the fields of Art History and Visual Culture will be weak.
25-39%	Fail	Represents an overall failure to achieve the specified assessment criteria/module learning outcomes. Has inadequate knowledge to tackle the question; serious weaknesses in approach; tendency to jot down a few unanalysed facts. Poor knowledge of the object of study and no apprehension of further critical and theoretical issues.
10-24%	Bad fail	Represents a significant overall failure to achieve the specified assessment criteria/ module learning outcomes. Has inadequate knowledge to tackle the question; serious weaknesses in approach; tendency to jot down a few unanalysed facts. Very poor knowledge of the object of study and no apprehension of further critical and theoretical issues.
1-9%	Very bad fail	A submission that does not even attempt to address the specified assessment criteria/module learning outcomes

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		(shall be deemed a non valid attempt and module must be re-
		taken). Scribbled notes indicating little or no research,
		understanding of the question or attempt to consider
		theoretical issues.
0%	Non	A categorical mark representing either the failure to submit an
	submission or	assessment or a mark assigned for a plagiarized
	plagiarised	assessment.

Mode of study

On Campus.

Programme structure

Academic year of study 1

Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Modernities	VC51001A	30	4	Compulsory	1&2
Seeing and Showing	VC51002A	30	4	Compulsory	1&2
Space and Time	VC51003A	30	4	Compulsory	1&2
Beyond Boundaries	VC51004A	30	4	Compulsory	1 & 2

Academic year of study 2

Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Contemporaneities	VC52112A	30	5	Compulsory	1&2
Situated Knowledge in	TBC	30	5	Compulsory	1 & 2
Visual Cultures					
Goldsmiths' Elective Module		15	5	Compulsory	1
(chosen from a list made					
available annually of					
modules which provide an					
opportunity to undertake					
study in another discipline					
without pre-requisites or					
prior knowledge					
EITHER 15-credit	ТВС	45	5	Optional	1&2
Goldsmiths Social Change					
module plus 30 credits of					
optional modules OR 45					
credits of optional modules					

Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
(from an approved list					
available annually from the					
Visual Cultures Department)					

Academic year of study 3

Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Expanded Practices in Visual Cultures	ТВС	60	6	Compulsory	1&2
60 credits of optional modules from an approved list available annually from the Visual Cultures Department (including Visual Cultures as Public Practice)	TBC	60	6	Optional	1 & 2
Visual Cultures as Public Practice	VC53073B	15	6	Optional	1 [*]

^[*] Internship takes place in term 3 of Year 2 and assessment in term 1 of Year 3.

Academic support

Support for learning and wellbeing is provided in a number of ways by departments and College support services who work collaboratively to ensure students get the right help to reach their best potential both academically and personally.

All students are allocated a Personal Tutor (one in each department for joint programmes) who has overall responsibility for their individual progress and welfare. Personal Tutors meet with their student at least three times a year either face-to-face, as part of a group and/or electronically. The first meeting normally takes place within the first few weeks of the autumn term. Personal Tutors are also available to students throughout the year of study. These meetings aim to discuss progress on modules, discussion of the academic discipline and reports from previous years if available (for continuing students). This provides an opportunity for progress, attendance and assessment marks to be reviewed and an informed discussion to take place about how to strengthen individual learning and success.

Students are provided with information about learning resources, the <u>Library</u> and information available on <u>Learn.gold (VLE)</u> so that they have access to department/

programme handbooks, programme information and support related information and guidance.

Goldsmiths

Taught sessions and lectures provide overviews of themes, which students are encouraged to complement with intensive reading for presentation and discussion with peers at seminars. Assessments build on lectures and seminars so students are expected to attend all taught sessions to build knowledge and their own understanding of their chosen discipline.

All assessed work is accompanied by some form of feedback to ensure that students' work is on the right track. It may come in a variety of forms ranging from written comments on a marked essay to oral and written feedback on developing projects and practice as they attend workshops.

Students may be referred to specialist student services by department staff or they may access support services independently. Information about support services is provided on the <u>Goldsmiths website</u> and for new students through new starter information and induction/Welcome Week. Any support recommendations that are made are agreed with the student and communicated to the department so that adjustments to learning and teaching can be implemented at a department level and students can be reassured that arrangements are in place. Opportunities are provided for students to review their support arrangements should their circumstances change. The <u>Disability and Inclusion</u> and <u>Wellbeing</u> Services maintain caseloads of students and provide on-going support.

The <u>Careers Service</u> provides central support for skills enhancement, running <u>The Gold</u> <u>Award</u> scheme and other co-curricular activities that are accredited via the Higher Education Achievement Report (<u>HEAR</u>).

The <u>Centre for Academic Language and Literacies</u> works with academic departments offering bespoke academic literacy sessions. It also provides a programme of academic skills workshops and one-to- one provision for students throughout the year.

Placement opportunities

The Year 3 module, Visual Cultures as Public Practice, offers all students a research opportunity within a public body. The placement enables a substantial engagement with material and practices from outside the university context and to develop a research project that probes, challenges, complements, experiments with the readings and ideas students engage with in the classroom. The placement partners are often institutions keeping a collection or an archive relevant to Visual Cultures, which is either already made public in some form or stored with the institution without public access. Students are introduced to the collection by the placement partners and given initial support to access materials.

Students are also allowed to think of an organisation that is not immediately linked to Visual Cultures or the Arts – there are no limits to thinking creatively of other kinds of placement options if the department can work out a research project in coordination with the selected institution.

In each case students are asked to identify and develop a focused and manageable research project in discussion with the academic supervisor who will assist the process through group seminars and individual tutorials. They also develop a personal portfolio, based on their experience in which they explore how the work done in the university modules relates to the practices of the public organisation hosting their project.

The final presentation of the research project could lead to a small exhibition, a talk, a text, a performance, a performative lecture, or any other appropriate form. This presentation could take place within the public organisation, at Goldsmiths or another place of the students' choice in agreement with the host organisation.

Employability and potential career opportunities

The BA History of Art programme prepare students for life after the college together with the ability and confidence to earn their living by being flexible, self-motivated, and multi-skilled. The experience of the programme helps students to develop as autonomous individuals, committed to life-long learning with valuable skills in communication (including public speaking, developing and presenting an argument, note taking, report writing) and analytical thinking. They also develop awareness of social, political, and cultural processes as well as of social and cultural differences. These skills provide a good foundation for several career paths.

Most students of this degree find employment in arts related areas (arts education, curating, arts administration, writing etc.), or move further into postgraduate education. While at Goldsmiths, many take up jobs, internships and volunteer positions at museums and other gallery and exhibition spaces internationally. This regular connection with the Department has led to work for many in the UK, the rest of Europe, the USA, Asia and Australia. Such areas as advertising and product styling are important destinations too. Arts and other forms of journalism also recruit frequently from the students of the Goldsmiths Art History programme.

A great number of graduates choose to continue their studies. The degree is very well regarded by those institutions internationally offering MA programmes in arts administration, curatorial practice, the history of art, architecture, film, design and fashion. Very many students from Goldsmiths have accepted grant-supported places on the most prestigious of these programmes. Many too have gone on to grant-supported doctoral and post-doctoral

study, both here and abroad. It is also a degree that provides a suitable starting point to enter law or the teaching profession, for example, through suitable conversion programmes.

Programme-specific requirements

Not applicable.

Tuition fee costs

Information on tuition fee costs is available at: https://www.gold.ac.uk/students/fee-support/.

Specific programme costs

Not applicable.